AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store a mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel section configured to select the mail address of at least one user stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail address of the user being distinct from a mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination for a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 2. (original) The image data communication apparatus according claim 1, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 3. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the panel ~~section~~ comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 4. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the mail address of the user in the memory.

Claim 5. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 6. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store a mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to select the mail address of at least one user stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the mail address of the user selected by the panel ~~section~~ into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail address of the user being distinct from a mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent from the receiving apparatus to the user without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the

receiving apparatus, ~~the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus,~~ the reply being returned to the mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 7. (original) The image data communication apparatus according claim 6, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 8. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the panel ~~section~~ comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 9. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the mail address of the user in the memory.

Claim 10. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 11. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store a mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to select the mail address of at least one user stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail address of the user being distinct from a mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 12. (original) The image data communication apparatus according claim 11, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 13. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the panel ~~section~~ comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 14. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the mail address of the user in the memory.

Claim 15. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 16. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store a mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to select the mail address of at least one user stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the mail address of the user selected by the panel ~~section~~ into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail address of the user being distinct from a mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination for a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 17. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 18. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store a mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to select the mail address of at least one user stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the mail address of the user selected by the panel ~~section~~ into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail address being distinct from a mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user from the receiving apparatus without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, ~~the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus~~, the reply being returned to the mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 19. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 20. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store a mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

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a panel ~~section~~ configured to select the mail address of at least one user stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the mail address of the user selected by the panel ~~section~~ into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail address of the user being distinct from the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 21. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 22. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a mail address of at least one user, the method comprising:

selecting the mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus; and

setting the selected mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail address of the user being a mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination for a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the

mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 23. (original) The method according to claim 22, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 24. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a mail address of at least one user, the method comprising:

selecting the mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

setting the selected mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail address of the user being distinct from a mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent from the receiving apparatus to the user without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 25. (original) The method according to claim 24, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 26. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network,

the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a mail address of at least one user, the method comprising:

selecting the mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

setting the selected mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail address of the user being distinct from a mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user, the reply being returned to the mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 27. (original) The method according to claim 26, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 28. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a mail address of at least one user. the method comprising:

selecting the mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

setting the selected mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail address of the user being distinct from a mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination for a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being

returned to the mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 29. (original) The method according to claim 28, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 30. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a mail address of at least one user. the method comprising:

selecting the mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

setting the selected mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail address of the user being distinct from a mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent from the receiving apparatus to the user without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 31. (original) The method according to claim 30, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 32. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a mail address of at least one user. the method comprising:

selecting the mail address of at least one user stored in the memory, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

setting the selected mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail address of the user being distinct from a mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user, and not being returned to the image data communication apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 33. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.